

maps are topographical and show all the remote fields, streams, lakes, mountains, and valleys in your area (a pilot needs this information for navigational purposes). Needless to say, these remote areas are a pot farmer's delight, since your crop is endangered only by crashing 747's and the stony pilots.

If you are having trouble finding a suitable location in your area, you might want to try a concept known as "intercropping." INTERCROPPING means growing your marihuana among other crops. For instance, you can intercrop marihuana with corn or sunflowers, as they do in Mexico, and there is little chance of detection.

Since plants excrete waste products into the surrounding soil, they have a definite influence on the neighboring crops. This excretion can either be toxic or nourishing to the other crops. For instance, it is a recognized fact that if marihuana is grown next to spinach, the spinach will thrive on the marihuana excrete, while the marihuana will find the spinach excrete rather detrimental to its growth. Other crops you will not want to mix with marihuana are rye, pepperweed, vetch, and garden cress. On the other hand, marihuana thrives when planted next to such vegetables as brussels sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, beets, sunflowers, and corn. Corn and sunflowers are especially good intercrops because they are tall and hide the marihuana. However, if you decide to intercrop, make sure that no insecticides are being used on the crops: you don't want to fill your lungs and body with poison.

SELECTING AN INDOOR SITE

It is entirely possible to grow a crop indoors with the proper artificial lighting. (See page 30) Indoor farming has many advantages, for the climate can be controlled perfectly, and a crop can be grown the year-round with the chances of detection minimal (or directly proportional to the number of people you choose to tell about your indoor farming). An empty closet is a perfect place, but a bigger crop can be grown in an attic, basement, or empty room. Growing plants in windows is risky, and they usually don't receive the proper sunshine.

One must keep in mind that once your crop has begun to grow, it is very difficult not to inform at least a few of your friends of your closet cultivation, but it is even less difficult for your friends to rap about your righteous closet crop. Everyone that comes over wants to see your plants and the whole project becomes a hassle. It is a neat trick if one can flush a five-foot marihuana plant down the toilet in an emergency! Consequently, I wouldn't advise growing an indoor crop if you have 20 or 30 people over every week. But if you live in a neighborhood that is not too hot, and you only have a few friends over once in awhile, you are fairly safe.

The only disadvantage of an indoor crop is psychological, for the grass doesn't really look like the Mexican grass we are accustomed to in the U.S. The indoor crop retains its natural bright color, which is lost in the sun-dried Mexican grass. In fact, it doesn't even taste like grass. It is so fresh that it smells like alfalfa, or new-mown hay. But anyone who has grown a few indoor crops knows that it is entirely possible to grow "good stuff" indoors. Of course, a human made electrical light is no match for our life giving sun, but we are capable of a few tricks ourselves.